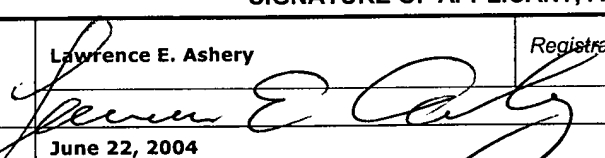


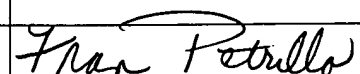
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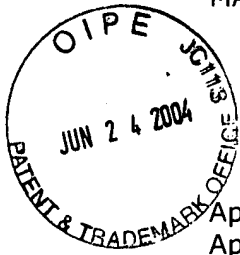
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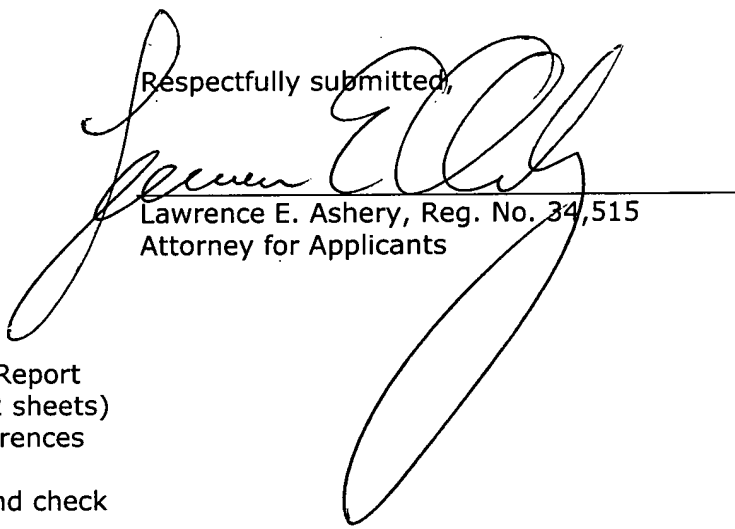
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- 3) JP 03-222582
- 4) JP 09-83853

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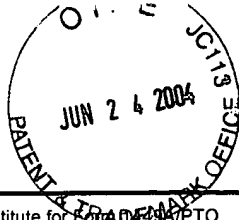
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